

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An ~~anerobie~~ anaerobic curable composition, which upon mixing with water is separable therefrom, comprising:

(a) a (meth)acrylate component which has a density greater than that of water, wherein the (meth)acrylate component comprises one or more (meth)acrylate-containing compounds; and

(b) a free radical initiator,
wherein the composition has a density greater than ~~suffieiently different from~~ that of water, thereby self-separating ~~allowing for faeile separation~~ therefrom when mixed without emulsification.

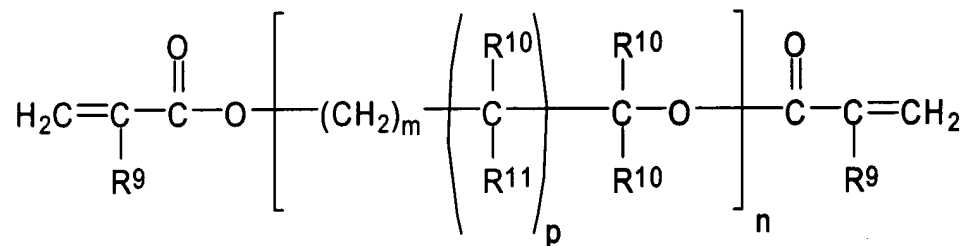
Claim 2 (previously presented): The composition of Claim 1, wherein the free radical initiator includes an anaerobic-curing initiator to produce free radicals upon the exclusion of oxygen to cure the composition.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The composition of Claim 2, wherein the anaerobic-curing initiator is a peroxy initiator selected from the group consisting of hydroperoxides, peroxides, peresters and combinations thereof.

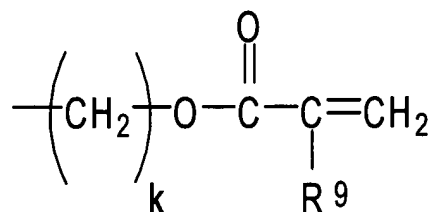
Claim 4 (previously presented): The composition of Claim 1, further comprising an anaerobic accelerator selected from the group consisting of tributyl amine, benzoic sulfimide, formamide, copper octanoate and combinations thereof.

Claims 5-7 (canceled)

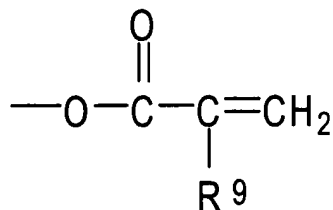
Claim 8 (previously presented): The composition of Claim 1, wherein said (meth)acrylate component is a member selected from the group consisting of a poly(meth)acrylate ester having the formula:



wherein R^{10} represents a radical selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, lower alkyl of from 1 to about 4 carbon atoms, hydroxyalkyl of from 1 to about 4 carbon atoms and



R^9 is a radical selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, and lower alkyl of from 1 to about 4 carbon atoms; R^{11} is a radical selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl and



m is 0 to about 12, n is equal to at least 1, k is 1 to about 4 and p is 0 or 1.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The composition of Claim 1, further including a monofunctional acrylate ester, said monofunctional acrylate ester being selected from the group consisting of lauryl methacrylate, cyclohexylmethacrylate, tetrahydrofurfuryl methacrylate, hydroxyethyl

acrylate, hydroxypropyl methacrylate, t-butylaminoethyl methacrylate, cyanoethylacrylate, chloroethylmethacrylate and combinations thereof.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A method of separating uncured impregnation sealant compositions from water-based impregnation rinsewater, comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a porous article whose pores have been impregnably sealed by a curable composition which upon mixing with water is separable therefrom, said composition comprising;

(i) a (meth)acrylate component which has a density greater than that of water, wherein the (meth)acrylate component comprises one or more (meth)acrylate-containing compounds; and

(ii) a free radical initiator,

wherein the composition has a density sufficiently different from that of water, thereby allowing for facile separation therefrom when mixed;

(b) water washing said article in a rinsewater tank; and

(c) allowing ~~facile separation~~ of the composition to self-separate from the rinsewater without emulsification.

Claim 11 (new): An anaerobic curable composition, which upon mixing with water is separable therefrom, comprising:

(a) a (meth)acrylate component which has a density less than that of water, wherein the (meth)acrylate component comprises one or more (meth)acrylate-containing compounds; and

(b) a free radical initiator,

wherein the composition has a density less than that of water, thereby self-separating therefrom when mixed without emulsification.

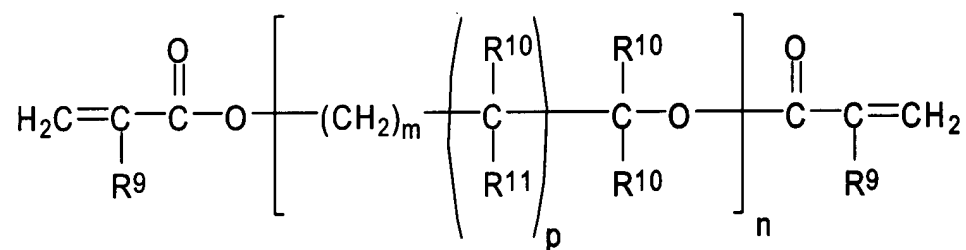
Claim 12 (new): The composition of Claim 11, wherein the free radical initiator includes an anaerobic-curing initiator to produce free radicals upon the exclusion of oxygen to cure the composition.

Claim 13 (new): The composition of Claim 12, wherein the anaerobic-curing initiator is a peroxy initiator selected from the group consisting of hydroperoxides, peroxides, peresters and

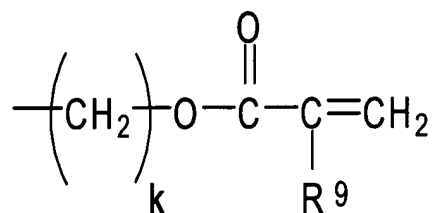
combinations thereof.

Claim 14 (new): The composition of Claim 11, further comprising an anaerobic accelerator selected from the group consisting of tributyl amine, benzoic sulfimide, formamide, copper octanoate and combinations thereof.

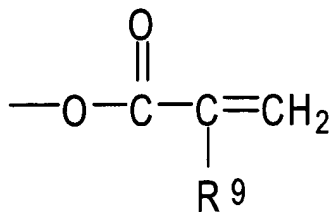
Claim 15 (new): The composition of Claim 11, wherein said (meth)acrylate component is a member selected from the group consisting of a poly(meth)acrylate ester having the formula:



wherein R¹⁰ represents a radical selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, lower alkyl of from 1 to about 4 carbon atoms, hydroxyalkyl of from 1 to about 4 carbon atoms and



R⁹ is a radical selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, and lower alkyl of from 1 to about 4 carbon atoms; R¹¹ is a radical selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl and



m is 0 to about 12, n is equal to at least 1, k is 1 to about 4 and p is 0 or 1.

Claim 16 (new): The composition of Claim 11, further including a monofunctional acrylate ester, said monofunctional acrylate ester being selected from the group consisting of lauryl methacrylate, cyclohexylmethacrylate, tetrahydrofurfuryl methacrylate, hydroxyethyl acrylate, hydroxypropyl methacrylate, t-butylaminoethyl methacrylate, cyanoethylacrylate, chloroethylmethacrylate and combinations thereof.

Claim 17 (new): A method of separating uncured impregnation sealant compositions from water-based impregnation rinsewater, comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a porous article whose pores have been impregnably sealed by a curable composition which upon mixing with water is separable therefrom, said composition comprising;

(i) a (meth)acrylate component which has a density less than that of water, wherein the (meth)acrylate component comprises one or more (meth)acrylate-containing compounds; and

(ii) a free radical initiator,

wherein the composition has a density sufficiently different from that of water, thereby allowing for facile separation therefrom when mixed;

(b) water washing said article in a rinsewater tank; and

(c) allowing the composition to self-separate from the rinsewater without emulsification.